

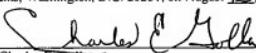


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Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith are 18 sheet(s) of Formal Drawings for completion of this application, and in compliance with the requirements of the Official Communication from the Examiner dated July 16, 2001.

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